

**SENATE**  
**JUDICIARY**  
**COMMITTEE CALENDAR**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021**  
**3:00 PM - CORDELL HULL BUILDING**  
**SENATE HEARING ROOM I**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

**BELL (R) CHAIRMAN**  
**WHITE (R) 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE CHAIRMAN**  
**ROSE (R) 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE CHAIRMAN**

**GARDENHIRE (R)**  
**KYLE (D)**  
**LUNDBERG (R)**

**ROBERTS (R)**  
**ROBINSON (D)**  
**STEVENS (R)**

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**BUDGET HEARINGS**

TN District Public Defenders Conference

TN District Attorneys General Conference

**AGENDA**

**1. [SB 0513](#) \*Haile (HB 0744 by \*Curcio)**

Victims' Rights- As introduced, creates a program within the district attorneys general conference to award grants of up to \$5,000 to local governments for the purpose of establishing a suitable meeting space for victims of crime; authorizes use of the criminal injuries compensation fund to fund the grants. - Amends TCA Title 8; Title 29, Chapter 13 and Title 40.

**2. [SB 0270](#) \*Yager (HB 0389 by \*Littleton, Rudder, Smith, Helton, Doggett, Moody, Holsclaw, Cochran)**

Adoption- As introduced, requires the department of children's services to require a person receiving financial assistance for adoption from the department to submit medical records from the adopted child's annual physical examination or other verification of the child's well-being. - Amends TCA Title 36 and Title 37.

**3. [SJR 0080](#) \*Akbari**

Constitutional Amendments- Proposes an amendment to Article I, Section 33 of the Constitution of Tennessee removing the criminal punishment exception from slavery and involuntary servitude prohibition. -

**4. [SB 0544](#) \*Massey (HB 0662 by \*Gillespie)**

Children's Services, Dept. of- As introduced, requires that the community services agency board's annual plan of operation be approved and amended, as necessary, only by the commissioner of finance and administration rather than by the commissioner and the comptroller of the treasury. - Amends TCA Title 37, Chapter 5, Part 3.

**5. [SB 0660](#) \*Massey**

Inheritance Laws- As introduced, enacts the "Tennessee Uniform Real Property Transfer on Death Act"; authorizes real property and motor vehicles to be transferred upon an owner's death to a designated beneficiary. - Amends TCA Title 30; Title 31; Title 32; Title 35; Title 55; Title 66 and Section 67-4-409.

**6. [SB 0688](#) \*Massey (HB 0944 by \*Mannis)**

Clerks, Court- As introduced, requires the circuit court clerks, criminal court clerks, clerks and masters of chancery courts, clerks of courts of general sessions, county clerks, clerks of juvenile and probate courts, and clerks of law and equity courts within Knox County to charge the standard schedule of fees. - Amends TCA Title 8.

**7. [SB 1258](#) \*Reeves (HB 0052 by \*Marsh)**

Gambling- As introduced, authorizes the ownership, possession, purchase, and sale of antique gambling machines. - Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 11 and Title 39, Chapter 17.

**8. [SB 0153](#) \*Briggs (HB 0489 by \*Terry)**

Controlled Substances- As introduced, prohibits governmental agencies from taking adverse actions against certain persons based on positive urine tests for tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) at the level of 35 nanograms per milliliter or less; creates a rebuttable presumption that it is not abuse for a parent or guardian to provide hemp products to a child. - Amends TCA Title 8; Title 37; Title 38; Title 39; Title 40; Section 49-6-4213; Title 49, Chapter 5; Title 50; Section 63-1-126 and Title 71.

**9. [SB 0543](#) \*Powers** (HB 0661 by \*Mannis)

Comptroller, State- As introduced, deletes requirement that the comptroller of the treasury must conduct an annual audit of the Tennessee bureau of investigation regarding the bureau's receipt and use of the \$15 portion of the handgun carry permit application fee to be used exclusively for updating and maintaining the fingerprint criminal history database. - Amends TCA Section 39-17-1351.

**10. [SB 0741](#) \*Johnson, Stevens** (HB 0089 by \*Lamberth, Gant, Whitson)

Environment and Conservation, Department of- As introduced, authorizes the commissioner to commission environmental investigative enforcement officers; authorizes park rangers and other law enforcement officers within the department to operate outside parks and other specific areas to render aid upon request and subject to the commissioner's approval. - Amends TCA Section 11-1-101; Section 11-3-107; Section 59-8-404 and Section 59-8-308.

**11. [SB 1115](#) \*White** (HB 1302 by \*Bricken, Littleton)

Statutes of Limitations and Repose- As introduced, removes the statute of limitation for prosecution of trafficking for commercial sex act when committed against a child on or after July 1, 2021. - Amends TCA Title 39 and Title 40.

**12. [SB 1121](#) \*White** (HB 1211 by \*Baum)

Criminal Offenses- As introduced, establishes the criminal offense of mail theft; specifies that the second or subsequent conviction of mail theft is at least a Class E felony; defines mail to include items such as letters, postal cards, and packages. - Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 14.

**13. [SB 1122](#) \*White** (HB 1180 by \*Moody)

Criminal Offenses- As introduced, adds the offense of trafficking a person for a commercial sex act to the meaning of predatory offenses for purposes of sentencing a person as a child sexual predator. - Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 5.

**14. [SB 0281](#) \*Rose, Lundberg** (HB 0955 by \*Eldridge, Littleton)

Juvenile Offenders- As introduced, requires the juvenile court to include in the disposition for a delinquent act, which would constitute rape if committed by an adult, that the juvenile is prohibited from accepting employment or volunteering in any capacity that causes the juvenile to be in direct contact with a minor. - Amends TCA Title 37; Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 5 and Title 40, Chapter 39.

**15. [SB 0447](#) \*Bell** (HB 1231 by \*Sherrell, Littleton)

Children's Services, Dept. of- As introduced, requires a secure detention or correctional facility housing juveniles to immediately report any security breach to the department and local law enforcement; requires the department to include information on escapes, attempted escapes, security breaches, or attempted security breaches in the previous calendar year in the department's annual report. - Amends TCA Title 37 and Title 39.

**16. [SB 0451](#) \*Bell** (HB 0881 by \*Terry)

Criminal Offenses- As introduced, expands the offense of aggravated rioting to include rioting by a person who travels from outside the state with intent to commit a criminal offense and participating in a riot in exchange for compensation; increases the mandatory minimum sentence for aggravated rioting to 60 days if the person commits more than one aggravating circumstance. - Amends TCA Title 39 and Title 40.

**17. [SB 0621](#) \*Bell** (HB 0434 by \*Lamberth, Halford, Powers, Littleton, Carter, Weaver, White, Reedy)

Orders of Protection- As introduced, permits service of ex parte orders of protection for up to one year from issuance; creates a lifetime order of protection that can be issued to a victim of certain felony offenses to prohibit the offender from coming about or communicating with the victim. - Amends TCA Title 16, Chapter 15, Part 9; Title 36 and Title 39, Chapter 13.

**18. [SB 0765](#) \*Johnson, Bell** (HB 0786 by \*Lamberth, Gant, Sexton J)

Firearms and Ammunition- As introduced, creates an exception to the offense of unlawful carrying of a firearm, if a person meets the qualifications for an enhanced handgun carry permit, lawfully possesses a handgun, and is in a place that the person has a right to be; revises other firearm statutes. - Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 14, Part 1; Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13 and Title 40, Chapter 35.